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House Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the administration, faculty and student body of Amqui Elementary School in Madison on being selected as the best school in the state by Redbook magazine.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary schools that have contributed significantly to the growth and maturation of this state's most precious resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Amqui Elementary School in Madison is one such outstanding educational institution that promotes quality education and good citizenship by rewarding students for good grades and good behavior; and

WHEREAS, Redbook magazine has rewarded Amqui Elementary School for a myriad of innovative and effective educational programs by designating the school as the best in the state; and

WHEREAS, Redbook judges in its America's Best Schools Project selected 91 elementary schools in six categories and chose a top school for each state and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, receipt of this prestigious award has ensured that the faculty, students and parents of Amqui Elementary and the Madison community have received the attention they deserve for their meritorious efforts in service of the school; and

WHEREAS, Principal Rick Binkley and the faculty at the school have implemented numerous innovative programs; perhaps the most successful program, and certainly one of the favorites among students, has been the school's reward system - Tiger Dollars; and

WHEREAS, in this program, students receive paper money known as Tiger Dollars in exchange for good behavior, academic achievement or improvement in some area; and

WHEREAS, students may then use their Tiger Dollars to purchase nicer items and toys at the school's general store; and

WHEREAS, Amqui Elementary has also established a special eating area for students and parents known as the Tiger Paw; a cafe-styled area, the Tiger Paw serves as a means to encourage parents to take the time to come to the school and eat lunch with their children; and

WHEREAS, Amqui students also learn about the value and rewards of hard work by serving as mail carriers for the school's post office, delivering in-house mail; and

WHEREAS, the administration and faculty of Amqui have also established a strong and viable working relationship with the business community, which supplies some 250 volunteers annually to the school; and

WHEREAS, in the past, Amqui Elementary School's academic and social excellence have been appropriately recognized by the school's much deserved receipt of the Power of Positive Student award (POPS) for the 1992-93 and 1993-94 school years; and

WHEREAS, for two years, PENCIL has honored the school for its ongoing involvement with the community; and

WHEREAS, Amqui Elementary School is richly deserving of this Body's praise and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING,

That we hereby honor and congratulate the administration, faculty and student body of Amqui Elementary School in Madison upon being selected as the best school in Tennessee by Redbook magazine's America's Best Schools Project, and commend their unfaltering commitment to academic excellence and social responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish the exemplary citizens of Amqui Elementary School all the best in their future endeavors.

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